



Dear Health Center Director and Medical Director:

You have been asked by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to participate in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). We strongly encourage you to participate.

The NAMCS helps identify trends in the delivery of ambulatory care services across various types of providers, and is therefore a valuable resource for researchers, policymakers, and providers. NACHC has used findings from the NAMCS in reports and advocacy materials. While the NAMCS has traditionally focused on private, office-based physicians, the NCHS has specially designed this survey instrument for health centers. Findings from this survey will allow greater representation of low-income and uninsured patient visits in the annual NAMCS, and will allow us to learn much more about the care you provide.

NACHC has worked very closely with the NCHS on the survey design. I believe you will find that it minimizes record-keeping and time involvement. The information you provide will be held in the strictest of confidence, and only aggregate data will be made publicly available.

We urge you to support this important survey by providing the information requested. We look forward to sharing the final report with you.

Thank you,

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